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PROTOCOL ON ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES
AND THE FAIR AND EQUITABLE SHARING OF
BENEFITS ARISING FROM THEIR UTILIZATION

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Kunming, China, 11-15 October 2021
and 25 April to 8 May 2022

**REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE
NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES AND THE FAIR AND
EQUITABLE SHARING OF BENEFITS ARISING FROM THEIR UTILIZATION
ON ITS FOURTH MEETING (PART I)**

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I. DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING

NP-4/1. Budget for the integrated programme of work of the Secretariat

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing,

Recalling its decision [3/16](#), in which it approved the budget for the biennium 2019-2020,

Recalling its decision NP-EM-1/1, in which it approved the extension of the budget for the biennium 2019-2020 and, on an exceptional basis, a core interim budget for 2021,

Considering the decision to hold the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in two parts, Part I from 11 to 15 October 2021 and Part II from 25 April to 8 May 2022, due to the constraints caused by the COVID-19 pandemic situation, and that the consideration and adoption of a regular or full budget has been planned to take place during Part II of the meeting,

Noting, therefore, the need to make arrangements to allow the continued functioning of the organs of the Protocol, including its Secretariat and the meetings of its Parties and its subsidiary bodies,

Taking note of the proposal of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties that, on an exceptional basis, the Parties consider and approve an interim budget for 2022 through agreed modalities,

Recalling the importance of early and easily understood information on financial and administrative matters, to enable Parties to benefit from and support an effective and efficient Secretariat,

Also recalling the need for inclusive decision-making at the meetings of the Conference of the Parties and of the Parties to its Protocols and, in particular, the provisions of paragraphs 35 to 44 of decision 14/37 on the Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BZ) for Facilitating the Participation of Parties in the Convention Processes,

Recognizing the exceptional nature of the circumstances arising from the pandemic and expressing solidarity with all Parties as they face the human and economic impacts of the ongoing pandemic,

Having considered the note by the Executive Secretary,¹

1. *Approves, on an exceptional and interim basis, a core programme budget for the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing of 2,028,350 United States dollars for the year 2022, representing 11 per cent of the integrated interim budget of 18,439,546 United States dollars for the year 2022, for the purposes listed in tables 1a and 1b below;*

2. *Adopts the scale of assessments for the apportionment of expenses for 2022, in accordance with the current scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations, as contained in table 2 of the present decision, noting that the scale of assessments for the triennium 2022-2024 is expected to be approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations in December 2021 and that the new scale of assessments will be applied, when released, to calculate the assessed contributions for 2022;*

3. *Requests the Executive Secretary to prepare proposals for the budget for the biennium 2023-2024 pending a decision by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol regarding the dates of its fifth meeting;*

4. *Notes with concern that a number of Parties have not paid their contributions to the core budgets (BY, BG and BB trust funds) for 2020 and prior years, including Parties that have never paid their contributions, and also notes that, in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards adopted by the United Nations,² an amount estimated at \$146,000 for the Nagoya Protocol, outstanding at*

¹ CBD/NP/MOP/4/3.

² See General Assembly resolution 60/283, sect. IV.

the end of 2020, must be deducted from the fund balance and therefore cannot be used for the benefit of all the Parties to the Protocol;

5. *Decides* to apply, *mutatis mutandis*, paragraphs 2 to 4 and 6 to 12, 14 to 17 and 19 of the decision adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting (Part I).

Table 1a
Integrated interim budget for the trust funds of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols for 2022
(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	2022
A. Staff costs	12,220.00
B. Travel on official business	275.00
C. Consultants/subcontractors	50.00
D. Public awareness material/communications	50.00
E. Temporary assistance/overtime	100.00
F. Training	5.00
G. Translation of CHM website/website projects	65.00
H. Meetings*	1,198.00
I. Rent and associated costs	1,481.22
J. General operating expenses	726.60
Sub-total (I)	16,170.82
II. Programme support costs (13%)	2,102.21
Sub-total (I + II)	18,273.03
III. Working Capital Reserve	166.51
Grand Total (II + III)	18,439.54
Nagoya Protocol share of the interim budget (11%)	2,028.35
Less: Contribution from host country	(184.12)
Less: Use of reserves from previous years	(115.50)
Net total (amount to be shared by Parties)	1,728.73

* Meetings to be funded from the interim budget for 2022 in complement to the carry-over as per table 1 above:

1/ Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, tenth meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, fourth meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, held concurrently for 14 days.

2/ Resumed twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, and third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for 17 days.

3/ It is expected that, at Part II of its fifteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties will consider the need for budget allocations for Bureau and expert meetings to ensure the full and effective participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition. Parties, through the Bureau, will continue to monitor the extraordinary circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and nothing in this decision should be understood as setting a precedent for or prejudging the format of future Bureaux meetings or expert meetings.

Table 1b**Resource requirements by division from the integrated core budgets for the year 2022***(Thousands of United States dollars)*

	2022
I. Programmes:	
Office of the Executive Secretary	2,788.50
ABS and BS Protocols	2,336.50
Science, Society and Sustainable Futures Division	3,617.50
Implementation Support Division	4,300.75
II. Administration, Finance and Conference Services	3,127.57
Subtotal	16,170.82
Programme support costs	2,102.21
III. Working capital reserve	166.51
Total	18,439.54
Nagoya Protocol share of the interim budget (11%)	2,028.35
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Table 2**Contributions to the Trust Fund for the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing for 2022**

	<i>Party</i>	<i>Scale of assessments</i>	<i>Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%³</i>	<i>Contributions as of 1 Jan 2022</i>
1	Afghanistan	0.007	0.010	173
2	Albania	0.008	0.013	222
3	Angola	0.010	0.010	173
4	Antigua and Barbuda	0.002	0.003	56
5	Argentina	0.915	1.470	25,409
6	Austria	0.677	1.088	18,800
7	Belarus	0.049	0.079	1,361
8	Belgium	0.821	1.319	22,799
9	Benin	0.003	0.005	83
10	Bhutan	0.001	0.002	28
11	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	0.016	0.026	444
12	Botswana	0.014	0.022	389
13	Brazil	2.948	4.736	81,865
14	Bulgaria	0.046	0.074	1,277
15	Burkina Faso	0.003	0.005	83
16	Burundi	0.001	0.002	28
17	Cambodia	0.006	0.010	167
18	Cameroon	0.013	0.021	361
19	Central African Republic	0.001	0.002	28
20	Chad	0.004	0.006	111
21	China	12.005	19.284	333,375

³ See paragraph 2.

	<i>Party</i>	<i>Scale of assessments</i>	<i>Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%³</i>	<i>Contributions as of 1 Jan 2022</i>
22	Comoros	0.001	0.002	28
23	Congo	0.006	0.010	167
24	Côte d'Ivoire	0.013	0.021	361
25	Croatia	0.077	0.124	2,138
26	Cuba	0.080	0.129	2,222
27	Czechia	0.311	0.500	8,636
28	Democratic Republic of Korea	0.006	0.010	167
29	Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.010	0.010	173
30	Denmark	0.554	0.890	15,384
31	Djibouti	0.001	0.002	28
32	Dominican Republic	0.053	0.085	1,472
33	Ecuador	0.080	0.129	2,222
34	Egypt	0.186	0.299	5,165
35	Eritrea	0.001	0.002	28
36	Estonia	0.039	0.063	1,083
37	Eswatini	0.002	0.003	56
38	Ethiopia	0.010	0.010	173
39	European Union		2.500	43,218
40	Fiji	0.003	0.005	83
41	Finland	0.421	0.676	11,691
42	France	4.427	7.111	122,936
43	Gabon	0.015	0.024	417
44	Gambia	0.001	0.002	28
45	Germany	6.090	9.783	169,117
46	Ghana	0.015	0.024	417
47	Greece	0.366	0.588	10,164
48	Guatemala	0.036	0.058	1,000
49	Guinea	0.003	0.005	83
50	Guinea-Bissau	0.001	0.002	28
51	Guyana	0.002	0.003	56
52	Honduras	0.009	0.014	250
53	Hungary	0.206	0.331	5,721
54	India	0.834	1.340	23,160
55	Indonesia	0.543	0.872	15,079
56	Japan	8.564	13.757	237,820
57	Jordan	0.021	0.034	583
58	Kazakhstan	0.178	0.286	4,943
59	Kenya	0.024	0.039	666
60	Kiribati	0.001	0.002	28
61	Kuwait	0.252	0.405	6,998
62	Kyrgyzstan	0.002	0.003	56
63	Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.005	0.008	139
64	Lebanon	0.047	0.075	1,305
65	Lesotho	0.001	0.002	28
66	Liberia	0.001	0.002	28
67	Luxembourg	0.067	0.108	1,861
68	Madagascar	0.004	0.006	111
69	Malawi	0.002	0.003	56

	<i>Party</i>	<i>Scale of assessments</i>	<i>Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%³</i>	<i>Contributions as of 1 Jan 2022</i>
70	Malaysia	0.341	0.548	9,469
71	Maldives	0.004	0.006	111
72	Mali	0.004	0.006	111
73	Malta	0.017	0.027	472
74	Marshall Islands	0.001	0.002	28
75	Mauritania	0.002	0.003	56
76	Mauritius	0.011	0.018	305
77	Mexico	1.292	2.075	35,878
78	Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.001	0.002	28
79	Mongolia	0.005	0.008	139
80	Montenegro	0.004	0.006	111
81	Mozambique	0.004	0.006	111
82	Myanmar	0.010	0.010	173
83	Namibia	0.009	0.014	250
84	Nepal	0.007	0.010	173
85	Netherlands	1.356	2.178	37,656
86	Nicaragua	0.005	0.008	139
87	Niger	0.002	0.003	56
88	Norway	0.754	1.211	20,938
89	Oman	0.115	0.185	3,194
90	Pakistan	0.115	0.185	3,194
91	Palau	0.001	0.002	28
92	Panama	0.045	0.072	1,250
93	Peru	0.152	0.244	4,221
94	Philippines	0.205	0.329	5,693
95	Portugal	0.350	0.562	9,719
96	Qatar	0.282	0.453	7,831
97	Republic of Korea	2.267	3.642	62,954
98	Republic of Moldova	0.003	0.005	83
99	Romania	0.198	0.318	5,498
100	Rwanda	0.003	0.005	83
101	Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.001	0.002	28
102	Samoa	0.001	0.002	28
103	Sao Tome and Principe	0.001	0.002	28
104	Saudi Arabia	1.172	1.883	32,546
105	Senegal	0.007	0.010	173
106	Serbia	0.028	0.045	778
107	Seychelles	0.002	0.003	56
108	Sierra Leone	0.001	0.002	28
109	Slovakia	0.153	0.246	4,249
110	Solomon Islands	0.001	0.002	28
111	South Africa	0.272	0.437	7,553
112	Spain	2.146	3.447	59,594
113	Sudan	0.010	0.010	173
114	Sweden	0.906	1.455	25,159
115	Switzerland	1.151	1.849	31,963
116	Syrian Arab Republic	0.011	0.018	305
117	Tajikistan	0.004	0.006	111

	<i>Party</i>	<i>Scale of assessments</i>	<i>Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%³</i>	<i>Contributions as of 1 Jan 2022</i>
118	Tunisia	0.025	0.040	694
119	Togo	0.002	0.003	56
120	Tonga	0.001	0.002	28
121	Turkmenistan	0.033	0.053	916
122	Tuvalu	0.001	0.002	28
123	Uganda	0.008	0.010	173
124	United Arab Emirates	0.616	0.990	17,106
125	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	4.567	7.336	126,824
126	United Republic of Tanzania	0.010	0.010	173
127	Uruguay	0.087	0.140	2,416
128	Vanuatu	0.001	0.002	28
129	Venezuela	0.728	1.169	20,216
130	Viet Nam	0.077	0.124	2,138
131	Zambia	0.009	0.014	250
132	Zimbabwe	0.005	0.008	139
	Total	60.723	100.000	1,728,734

II. ACCOUNT OF PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION

1. Following the invitation of the Government of China and as decided by the Conference of the Parties in its decision XIII/33, the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization was scheduled to be held in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China, from 15 to 28 October 2020, concurrently with the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Owing to the ongoing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, however, the meetings were postponed, initially until late May 2021 and then again as the pandemic persisted.

2. After extensive consultations and considering the challenges that the pandemic still posed for in-person meetings, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, which also served as the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, had decided, at its meeting held on 14 July 2021, to hold the fourth meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol in two parts: the first part (part I) to be held online from 11 to 15 October 2021 and the second part (part II) to be held in person in Kunming, China, from 25 April to 8 May 2022. Part I of the meeting was held online.

Attendance

3. All States were invited to participate in the meeting. The following Parties to the Nagoya Protocol attended:

Albania	Dominican Republic	Malaysia
Angola	Ecuador	Maldives
Antigua and Barbuda	Egypt	Malta
Argentina	Eritrea	Mauritius
Austria	Estonia	Mexico
Belarus	Ethiopia	Micronesia (Federated States of)
Belgium	European Union	Mozambique
Benin	Fiji	Myanmar
Bhutan	Finland	Namibia
Botswana	France	Nepal
Brazil	Gabon	Netherlands
Bulgaria	Germany	Nicaragua
Burkina Faso	Ghana	Niger
Burundi	Greece	Norway
Cambodia	Guatemala	Oman
Cameroon	Guyana	Pakistan
Central African Republic	Honduras	Peru
Chad	Hungary	Philippines
China	India	Portugal
Comoros	Indonesia	Republic of Korea
Congo	Japan	Republic of Moldova
Croatia	Jordan	Romania
Cuba	Kenya	Rwanda
Czechia	Kuwait	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Lebanon	Saudi Arabia
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Liberia	Senegal
Denmark	Luxembourg	Serbia
	Madagascar	Seychelles
	Malawi	

South Africa	Tunisia	Uruguay
Spain	Turkmenistan	Viet Nam
Sudan	Uganda	Zambia
Sweden	United Arab Emirates	Zimbabwe
Switzerland	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	
Tajikistan		
Togo		
Tonga	United Republic of Tanzania	

4. The following States not party to the Nagoya Protocol were also represented: Algeria, Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Cabo Verde, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Equatorial Guinea, Georgia, Grenada, Haiti, Holy See, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Monaco, Morocco, New Zealand, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Paraguay, Poland, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovenia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Suriname, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United States of America.

5. Observers from the following United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, convention secretariats and other bodies also attended: Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	UNESCO World Heritage Centre
Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
International Fund for Agricultural Development	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
International Maritime Organization	United Nations Development Programme
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	United Nations Environment Programme
Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention	United Nations University
	World Health Organization

6. The following organizations were also represented as observers:

Access and Benefit Sharing Alliance	Association des 3 Hérissos
Action for Ecology and People Emancipation (AEER)	Aube Nouvelle pour la Femme et le Développement
ActionAid International	Australian Conservation Foundation
Adelphi Research gemeinnützige GmbH	Avaaz
African Centre for Biodiversity	BankTrack
African Indigenous Women Organization (Nairobi)	Barnes Hill Community Development Organization
African Institute for Development Policy	Beijing Chaoyang District Yongxu Global Environmental Institute
African Union Development Agency-NEPAD	Beijing Entrepreneur Environmental Protection Foundation
African Wildlife Foundation	Beijing Fuqun Social Service Center
Aichi Prefecture	Beijing Haidian Shanshui Conservation Center
Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization	Beijing Institute of Finance and Sustainability
Andes Chinchasyo	Bioversity International
Anglican Consultative Council	BirdLife International
Arab Center for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands	Born Free Foundation
Arabian Leopard Fund	Brazilian Foundation for Sustainable Development
ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity	British Ecological Society
Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact Foundation	Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)
Asian Forest Cooperation Organization	
Asociación Ambiente y Sociedad	

Caribbean Community Secretariat
 Center for Development Research (ZEF)
 China Association of Wild Plant Conservation
 China Biodiversity Conservation and Green
 Development Foundation
 China Dialogue Trust
 China Green Carbon Foundation
 Chinese Academy of Sciences
 ClientEarth
 Comité français de l'UICN
 Commonland
 Confederação Nacional da Indústria
 Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of
 Peace
 Conselho Empresarial Brasileiro para o
 Desenvolvimento Sustentável
 Conservation International
 Cooperativa Autogestionaria de Servicios
 Profesionales para la Solidaridad Social, R.L.
 Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs,
 Fisheries and Food Security
 Cornell University
 CropLife International
 Derecho, Ambiente y Recursos Naturales
 Deutsches Zentrum für Luft - und Raumfahrt
 e.V. - German Aerospace Center
 DHI Water & Environment
 Duke Kunshan University
 Duke University
 Ecologistas en Acción
 EcoNexus
 ECOROPA
 Elephant Protection Initiative Foundation
 ETC Group
 European Bureau for Conservation and
 Development
 European Climate Foundation
 Forest Peoples Programme
 Forest Stewardship Council
 Forest Watch Indonesia
 Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research
 Action
 Fridtjof Nansen Institute
 Friends of the Earth Europe
 Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales
 Fundación Gaia Amazonas
 Future Earth
 GenØk - Centre for Biosafety
 Georgetown University
 German Committee Future Earth
 Ghent University
 Global Biodiversity Information Facility
 Global Crop Diversity Trust
 Global Forest Coalition
 Global Forum on Human Settlements
 Global Industry Coalition
 Global Initiative Against Transnational
 Organized Crime
 Global Youth Biodiversity Network
 Global Youth Online Union
 Govardhan Ecovillage
 Greater Virunga Transboundary Collaboration
 Green Anhui
 Greenpeace International
 Griffith University
 Group on Earth Observations Biodiversity
 Observation Network
 Guangzhou Yuexiu Climate Environmental
 Protection Exchange Center
 Hanns Seidel Foundation/Stiftung-Korea Office
 Heinrich Böll Foundation
 Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research -
 UFZ
 ICCA Consortium
 ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability
 Imperial College London
 Indigenous Information Network
 Institut du développement durable et des
 relations internationales
 Institute for Biodiversity Network
 Institute for Environment and Sustainable
 Development
 Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on
 Agriculture
 International Association for Falconry and
 Conservation of Birds of Prey
 International Center for Integrated Mountain
 Development
 International Collective in Support of
 Fishworkers
 International Coral Reef Initiative
 International Council of Environmental Law
 International Environment Forum
 International Federation of Pharmaceutical
 Manufacturers and Associations
 International Fertilizer Association
 International Fund for Animal Welfare
 International Grain Trade Coalition
 International Indian Treaty Council
 International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity
 International Institute for Environment and
 Development
 International Land Conservation Network
 International Network for Bamboo and Rattan
 International Network of Basin Organizations

International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative
 International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty
 International Seed Federation
 International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications
 International Studies Association
 International Tropical Timber Organization
 International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
 International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants
 International Union of Railways
 International University Network on Cultural and Biological Diversity
 International Whaling Commission
 IPIECA
 Japan Citizens' Network for Sustainable Food and Agriculture (FA-Net Japan)
 Japan Civil Network for the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity
 Japan Committee for IUCN
 Japan Environmental Lawyers for Future
 Japan Federation of Bar Associations
 Laotu Rural Ecological Culture Service Group in Yantian District, Shenzhen
 Latinoamérica Sustentable
 Les Eco Maires
 London School of Economics and Political Science
 Macquarie University
 Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 Missionary Society of St. Columban
 Mount Holyoke College
 Nagoya University
 Nankai University
 National Geographic Society
 National Institute for Environmental Studies
 Nature Québec
 North Carolina State University
 New Wind Association
 Nordic Development Fund
 Norwegian University of Life Sciences
 On the EDGE Conservation
 Panthera
 Parabukas
 Pesticide Eco-Alternatives Center
 Pondicherry India-China Friendship Association
 Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources
 Public Research and Regulation Initiative
 Rainforest Foundation Norway
 Rainforest Trust
 Ramsar Convention on Wetlands
 Ramsar Network Japan
 Red de Cooperación Amazónica
 Red de Mujeres Indígenas sobre Biodiversidad para América Latina y el Caribe
 Red Indígena de Turismo de México (RITA)
 Regions4 Sustainable Development
 Réseau des gestionnaires d'aires marines protégées de Méditerranée
 Resources Legacy Fund
 Round-Table on Sustainable Palm Oil Secretariat (RSPO)
 Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
 Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
 Rueda de Medicina y Asociados, A.C.
 Sasakawa Peace Foundation
 Scion Research
 Seascope Consultants Ltd.
 Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme
 Seikatsu Club Consumers' Co-operative Union
 Sierra Club Canada Foundation
 Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections
 Society for Wetland Biodiversity Conservation - Nepal
 Society for Wildlife and Nature
 South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme
 South China Botanic Garden
 Southeast Asia Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment
 Southern African Development Community Secretariat
 Stockholm Resilience Centre
 Sustainable Environment Food and Agriculture Initiative
 Team SPOON
 Tebtebba Foundation
 Terra de Direitos
 The Nature Conservancy
 The Pew Charitable Trusts
 Third World Network
 Tinker Institute on International Law and Organizations
 TRAFFIC International
 Tree Aid
 UCCLAN - University of Cambridge, Conservation Leadership Alumni Network
 Union for the Mediterranean
 University of Cambridge
 University of Guelph

University of Sydney	World Economic Forum
University of Vienna	World Federation for Animals
Vitae-planeta Ltd.	World Organisation for Animal Health
Wellcome Sanger Institute	/Organisation mondiale de la santé animale
West African Economic and Monetary Union	World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies
Wetlands International - Japan	World Tourism Cities Federation
Wildlands Conservation Trust	WWF International
Wildlife Conservation Society	Yangtze River Delta Research Institute of Environmental Science and Technology Zhejiang
Wildlife Justice Commission	Yunnan University of Finance and Economics
Winrock International	Zoo and Aquarium Association Australasia
Women Engage for a Common Future	Zoological Society of London
World Agroforestry Centre	
World Animal Protection	
World Business Council for Sustainable Development	

Organizational matters

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

7. Following the opening of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties by Ms. Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment of Egypt and President of the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting, and the election of Mr. Runqiu Huang, Minister of Ecology and Environment of China, as President of the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting, the first part of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol was opened at 3.30 p.m.⁴ on 11 October 2021 by Mr. Huang, as President of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol at its fourth meeting.

8. Opening statements were made by Mr. Zheng Han, Vice-Premier of the Council of State of China; Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, on behalf of Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations (via video); Mr. Chengfa Ruan, Communist Party Secretary of Yunnan Province; and Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Their statements are summarized in the report of the Conference of the Parties on part I of its meeting (CBD/COP/15/4).

9. General statements were made by representatives of Argentina (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (on behalf of the African Group), Georgia (on behalf of the countries of Central and Eastern Europe), Kuwait (on behalf of the Asia-Pacific region), New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada, Iceland, Israel, Monaco, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America) and Slovenia (on behalf of the European Union and its member States).

10. A statement was also made by the representative of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization.

11. Further statements were made by representatives of the CBD Alliance, the CBD Women's Caucus, the Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN), International Indigenous Forum for Biodiversity (IIFB), the Hani People of Yunnan, the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) (also on behalf of the Advisory Committee on Subnational Governments and Biodiversity (coordinated by Regions4 and the Government of Quebec) the Group of Leading Subnational Governments towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (coordinated by the Aichi Prefecture), the European Committee of the Regions and the Edinburgh Process partners) and the True Nature Conservation Association (also on behalf of Youth of China).⁵

⁴ All times shown in the present report are China Standard time (UTC+8).

⁵ Statements made by representatives, where provided to the Secretariat, can be found at <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/2021-2022/cop-15/documents>, as received from the Party or observer concerned.

Item 2. Organizational matters

Adoption of the agenda

12. At the first plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 11 October 2021, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol adopted the following agenda based on the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Bureau (CBD/NP/MOP/4/1/Rev.1):

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters.
3. Report on the credentials of representatives to the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.
4. Reports of subsidiary bodies.
5. Report of the Compliance Committee (Article 30).
6. Administration of the Protocol and budget for the trust funds.
7. Financial mechanism and resources (Article 25).
8. Measures to assist in capacity-building and capacity development (Article 22) and measures to raise awareness of the importance of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge (Article 21).
9. The Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House and information-sharing (Article 14).
10. Monitoring and reporting (Article 29).
11. Cooperation with other international organizations, conventions and initiatives.
12. Review of the effectiveness of structures and processes.
13. Post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
14. Digital sequence information on genetic resources.
15. Specialized international access and benefit-sharing instruments in the context of Article 4, paragraph 4, of the Nagoya Protocol.
16. Global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism (Article 10).
17. Other matters.
18. Adoption of the report.
19. Closure of the meeting.

Organization of work

13. At the first plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 11 October 2021, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol decided to address items 1 to 6 and 17 to 19 during part I of the meeting, according to the schedule set out in annex I to the proposed organization of work (CBD/NP/MOP/4/1/Add.2). It was understood that all those items would be addressed in plenary and that some would need to be further considered during part II of the meeting, at which time agenda items 7 to 16 would also be addressed.

Parallel events

14. Two related events, the Ecological Civilization Forum and the Non-Governmental Organizations' Action Forum, were held in connection with part I of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. More information on the forums can be found in the annex to the report of the Conference of the Parties on part I of its fifteenth meeting (CBD/COP/15/Part-I/4).

Election of officers

Election of the President

15. Pursuant to article 26, paragraph 3, of the Nagoya Protocol, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties also serves as the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol. Accordingly, Mr. Runqiu Huang, Minister of Ecology and Environment of China, who had been elected President of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, also served as the President of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

Election of officers other than the President

16. Article 26, paragraph 3, of the Nagoya Protocol stipulated that any member of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties who was representing a Party to the Convention that was not a Party to the Protocol must be substituted by a member elected by and from among the Parties to the Protocol. At its fourteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties had elected 10 members of the Bureau to serve until the closure of the fifteenth meeting. Two representatives had subsequently been replaced by the Party concerned. At its third meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol had elected substitute Bureau members for those regions where the member of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties represented a Party to the Convention that was not a Party to the Nagoya Protocol. Accordingly, the Bureau for the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties comprised:

Mr. Eric Okoree (Ghana)
 Mr. Melesse Maryo (Ethiopia)
 Mr. Vinod Mathur (India) (replacing Ms. Sujata Arora)
 Ms. Leina El-Awadhi (Kuwait)
 Mr. Dilovarsho Dustov (Tajikistan)
 Ms. Elvana Ramaj (Albania)
 Mr. Joaquin Salzberg (Argentina)
 Ms. Helena Jeffery Brown (Antigua and Barbuda)
 Ms. Gabriele Obermayr (Austria)
 Ms. Marie Haraldstad (Norway)

17. As some of the work mandated by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting was to continue until the closure of part II of the meeting, Mr. Hamdallah Zedan (Egypt) was invited to remain a member of the Bureau, *ex officio*, as the representative of the Presidency of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

18. It was agreed that the officers who would take office at the closure of the fourth meeting and serve until the end of the fifth meetings would be elected at part II of the meeting, at which time the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties would elect replacements, as necessary, for those members of the Bureau that represented a Party to the Convention but not a Party to the Nagoya Protocol.

19. At the opening plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 11 October 2021, it was agreed, on the proposal of the Bureau, that Ms. Elvana Ramaj (Albania) would serve as Rapporteur for the meeting.

Election of officers of subsidiary bodies

20. At the opening session of part 1 of the meeting, on 11 October 2021, the Conference of the Parties decided to postpone the elections of the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and of the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation until the end of the second part of the meeting. The Conference of the Parties also decided to maintain the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework in office until the second part of the meeting.

Item 3. Report on the credentials of representatives to the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol

21. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol took up agenda item 3 at the opening plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 11 October 2021. In accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau was to examine and report on the credentials of delegations. Accordingly, the President informed the body that the Bureau had designated Mr. Eric Okoree (Ghana), a Vice-President of the Bureau, to examine and report on credentials.

22. At the second plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 15 October 2021, Mr. Okoree informed the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol that 104 Parties were registered as attending the meeting. The Bureau had examined the credentials of the representatives of those Parties and had found that the credentials of 67 delegations were in full compliance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure, while the credentials of 37 delegations did not fully comply with rule 18 or had not yet been presented. As the Bureau understood the extraordinary situation facing some delegations, it was allowing delegates who had not yet submitted their credentials 30 days following the closure of meeting, or until 15 November 2021, to do so, and had requested the Executive Secretary to follow up on the matter.

Item 4. Reports of subsidiary bodies

23. Agenda item 4 was considered at the second session of part I of the meeting, on 15 October 2021. In considering the item, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol had before it the reports of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on its twenty-third meeting (CBD/SBSTTA/23/9) and part I of its twenty-fourth meeting (CBD/SBSTTA/24/11); the Subsidiary Body on Implementation on part I of its third meeting (CBD/SBI/3/20); and the Open-ended Working Group on Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework on its first, second and part I of its third meetings (CBD/WG2020/1/5; CBD/WG2020/2/4; and CBD/WG2020/3/4).

24. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol then heard oral reports from, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework on the work done since the previous meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including an explanation of the various means used to circumvent the limitations imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

25. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol took note of the reports on intersessional meetings of subsidiary bodies and agreed to consider the recommendations contained in the reports under the relevant agenda items at part II of the meeting.

Item 5. Report of the Compliance Committee

26. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol took up agenda item 5 at the second session of part I of the meeting, on 15 October 2021.

27. Ms. Kauna Schroder, Chair of the Compliance Committee, introduced the report of the Committee (CBD/NP/MOP/4/2), which reflected the work done by the Committee at its third meeting. The Committee had considered a number of substantive matters, including the submission of interim national reports and a number of general issues of compliance. The substance of the recommendations of the Committee would be considered during part II of the meeting, when a more detailed and updated report would be provided.

28. The Chair of the Compliance Committee also said that the term of five of the Committee's members had been due to expire on 31 December 2020, but, as the fourth meeting of the Parties had been delayed, it had not been possible to elect new members before those terms expired. In consultation with the Bureau, the terms of those members had therefore been extended until 31 December 2021 and the election of new members was now foreseen to take place during part II of the meeting, in Kunming, in 2022.

29. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol took note of the report by the Chair of the Compliance Committee and decided to defer consideration of the

recommendations of the Compliance Committee and the election of new members until part II of the meeting. It decided to extend for a further year the terms of the five Committee members; accordingly, their terms would now end on 31 December 2022.

Item 6. Administration of the Protocol and budget for the trust funds

30. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol took up agenda item 6 at the opening plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 11 October 2021. In considering the item, it had before it an interim report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and its Protocols, including the budget for the respective trust funds (CBD/NP/MOP/4/3).

31. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol decided to establish a budget contact group with a mandate to review the matter and prepare a draft budget for the programme of work for 2022, for the consideration of the Parties. The contact group was chaired by Mr. Spencer Thomas (Grenada), was open to all Parties and met informally at the invitation of its chair, with the meetings advertised in advance in the daily calendar of meetings.

32. At the second plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 15 October 2021, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol took up draft decision CBD/NP/MOP/4/L.2, on the interim budget for the integrated programme of work of the Secretariat, presented by the chair of the budget contact group.

33. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol adopted draft decision CBD/NP/MOP/4/L.2, as orally amended by the Secretariat, as decision NP-4/1.

Item 17. Other matters

34. No other matters were raised.

Item 18. Adoption of the report

35. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol adopted the present report at the second plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 15 October 2021, on the basis of the draft report presented by the Rapporteur (CBD/NP/MOP/4/Part1/L.1), on the understanding that it would be completed to reflect the full proceedings of the current meeting and that the full report would be considered and adopted at part II of the meeting.

Item 19. Closure of the meeting

36. At the second plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 15 October 2021, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol decided to suspend its fourth meeting and resume it from 25 April to 8 May 2022, in Kunming, China.

37. Following the customary exchange of courtesies, the first part of the meeting was formally closed at 5.10 p.m., on 15 October 2021.
